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In re Application of: **HIROKI
KITAHORI ET AL.**

Serial No.: 09/825,649

Filed: 04 APRIL 2001

For: **DISK DEVICE AND DATA-
ERASING METHOD**

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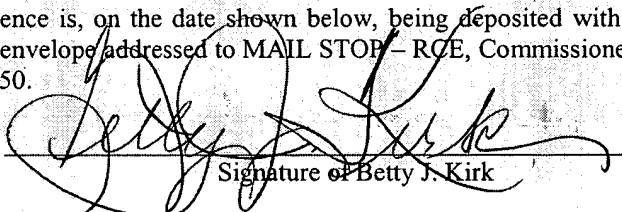
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2003, with a shortened statutory period ending March 18, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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